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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir :

This paper is a Response to the Final Office Action mailed July 23, 2009, as well as the Advisory Action mailed March 11, 2010. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in view of the following remarks and attached Declaration. Applicants hereby request continued examination and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is concurrently being filed herewith which will withdraw this application from the appeals process. Inasmuch as the Notice of Appeal filed on January 25, 2010 sets a one-month shortened statutory period to file an Appeal Brief, Applicants file with this response a Request for Two-Month Extension of Time and required fee. If any additional extensions of time are deemed necessary, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the application, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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